



# CultureNotes: Finland

Finnish culture is much more reserved than that of the U.S. Finns are modest in expressing emotion and do not get outwardly excited often. They also are not likely to participate in small talk when meeting new people.



Although family is important in Finland, Finns may appear to be more distant with their relatives than other cultures are. They appreciate structure in their relationships.

Finns are known to be loyal and reliable. Be careful in making promises to your student, as promises are taken seriously in their culture.

Education is a top priority in Finland. The government ensures schools have wireless internet and access to other advanced technology. Primary and secondary education are free, as are a few years of university education.



Your student will be more likely to socialize in a group rather than with one or two close friends.

- \* Capital: Helsinki
- \* Population: 5,262,930
- \* Area: About 338,145 sq.km.
- \* Nationality: Finn(s) (noun);  
Finnish (adjective)
- \* Language: Finnish & Swedish
- \* Climate: Cold temperate
- \* Fun Fact: In June and July, the north does not see the sun set. It shines all day and all night.



Helsinki, Finland